



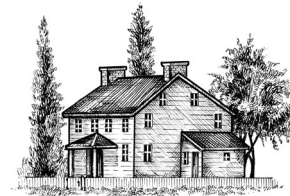
Santa Fe Trail

1821-1880 A.D. The primary wagon and trade route of the Southwest, spanning from Independence, Missouri, to Santa Fe, New Mexico. It preceded the coming of the railroad in 1880.



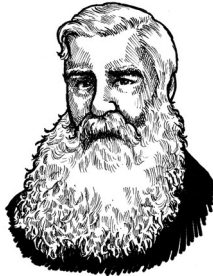
Manjiro

1827-1898 A.D. A 14-year-old Japanese fishing boy whose castaway adventures led to his rescue and education in America. He returned home, becoming an honored Samurai and the first Japanese to set foot in America.



Balloon Frame Houses

1832 A.D. An American form of architecture that replaced mortised beams and fittings with lighter beams set closer together, utilized studs and cross-members, and was held together with nails. This created housing that was light, flexible, and tough.



George Alfred (G. A.) Henty

1832-1902 A.D. English author famous for his historical fiction books and stories inspiring young men to noble lives. Dubbed "The Prince of Story-tellers," he wrote approximately 144 books and numerous magazine articles.



Anna Leonowens

1834-1915 A.D. Born in India and educated in England, Anna accepted an invitation to teach English to the children of the Siamese King. Her story has been popularized in the Hollywood movie, *The King and I*.



Irish Potato Famine

1845-1850 A.D. A period of starvation, disease, and poverty, due to a blight on Ireland's potato crop. With the loss of a million lives and soaring prices, Irish peasants were forced to emigrate to Britain, Canada, and the United States.



Clipper Ships

1845-1875 A.D. Popular during the mid 19th century, these vessels were designed with tall masts and sharp bows, allowing them to attain great speeds.



Postage Stamps of the United States First Issued

July 1, 1847 A.D. The first United States postage stamps were issued in imperforate sheets and were printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, and Edson. Benjamin Franklin, the First U.S. postmaster general, was depicted on the five cent red brown, and George Washington on the ten cent black.



The Gaucho

19th century A.D. Argentine horsemen of the Pampas generally of Native and Spanish descent (Mestizo), known for their musical skills and ranching abilities. They are characterized by their dress: loose-fitting pants called a *chiripá*; poncho; a large, leather coiled belt (*tirador*); a knife (*facón*); and a *rebenque* or *bolas*.